



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Bastian et al.

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Nucleic Acids on Surfaces

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Examiner: R. Akhavan

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Response to an Office Action Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This paper is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111 in response to an Office Action, dated December 30, 2005, in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), a Petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith along with the fee according to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2, below.

Applicants' **Remarks** follow on page 14.